

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

RESOURCE SCHEDULING

~~A method of administering resource utilisation~~Resource utilization in a computer ~~comprises~~is achieved by running a first process (~~13, 14, 15~~) to make a reservation for access to a resource in dependence on a resource requirement communication from an application (~~24~~) and running a second process (~~16, 17, 19~~) to grant requests for access to ~~said~~ that resource from ~~said~~ that application in dependence on ~~said~~ the reservation. A further process (~~12~~) provides a common interface between the first process (~~13, 14, 15~~) for each resource and the application (~~24~~). The further process (~~12~~) converts high-level abstract resource requirement definitions into formats applicable to the first process (~~13, 14, 15~~) for the resource in question. The processes are preferably implemented ~~at~~ as methods of software objects.